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COUNTRY Canary Islands

SUBJECT Anti-Franco Sentiment

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1. The greater part of the strength of the Anti-Franco groups in the Canaries comes from members of the clandestine labor organizations, who says that these groups enjoy the sympathy of most of the population. Of these groups the strongest is the Socialist(UGT), next, the Anarchist(CNT), and last, the Communist. The UGT stronghold is in Las Palmas, and that of the CNT is in Tenerife.
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2. Although there is no central organization, there is very good liaison between the leaders of the three groups, especially in aiding political prisoners. This aid is distributed regardless of political affiliation, and is paid for by a weekly contribution of five pesetas per person. About ninety per cent of the workers are said to contribute.
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3. Contact is maintained with the military garrison, and the leaders state that they are assured of the support of at least forty per cent of the officers in case of an uprising.
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4. The Socialists publish two clandestine newspapers, Tiempos Nuevos and La Voz del Trabajo, which appear weekly or bi-weekly. The principal Socialist leaders are Serafin Antunez in Puerto de la Luz and F. Gonzalez in Las Palmas. The chief Communist figure is Juan Rodriguez.
5. Repressive measures against the clandestine organizations have been increased lately. During the past two months the number of political prisoners has increased to over two thousand.

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